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usage of safety belts. And in states such as California, by mandating or by making safety belt use a standard offense, usage was increased by 13 percent. That is really substantial. There are those who talk about the dollars involved in Highway Safety Fund and they are, they're extremely significant, but this is not my motivation. The money is an aside.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN PRESIDING

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: One minute.

SENATOR BYARS: What we're talking about and what motivates me is the lives that we're risking, the lives that are lost. Those two 17-year-old young women from Blair, Nebraska, whose families had to bury last week, that's what motivates me. I think it is so important that we make this a standard offense for all of the right reasons and I would ask you to advance LB 356.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Mr. Clerk, motion on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, first motion I have with respect to LB 356 is by Senator Chambers. Senator Chambers would move to indefinitely postpone the bill. Senator Byars, the bill will be laid over unless you agree to take it up at this time, Senator.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Byars.

SENATOR BYARS: Mr. Speaker, I'll take it up.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open on your motion to indefinitely postpone LB 5...or 356.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker and members of the Legislature, this motion does not come as a surprise to Senator Byars. He knows and he has accepted the fact that I'm going to fight this bill in every way that I can. So if it takes 24 hours of our time, I'm going to take it. I serve on a committee, the Agriculture Committee, and we had hearings on four bills, and when I listened to the testimony, except for the fact that we were talking about livestock producers dealing with four giant packers, who virtually control the meat packing industry, if I had substituted the term "black people" for